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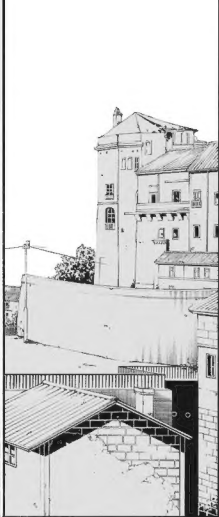
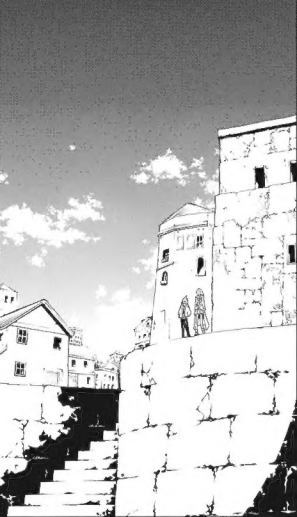
**The desire
and flames
named
insanity**

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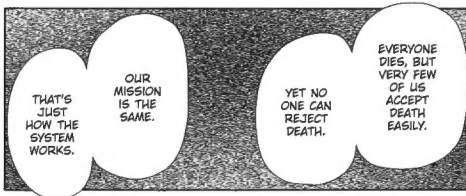
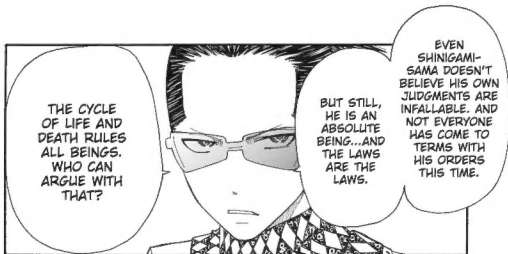
ITALY...



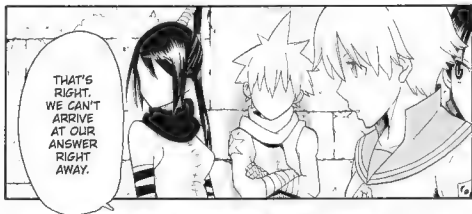
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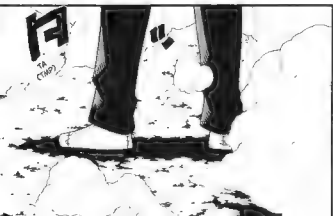
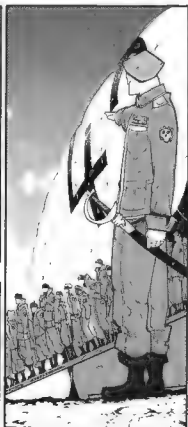


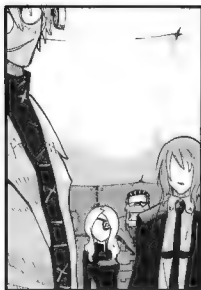






ON THE
MOON





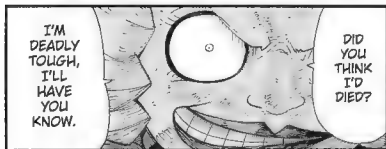
I'M
FINALLY
FREE...

AHH...



HOW
DID THAT
PIG...TAKE
DOWN
MOON-
LIGHT..?





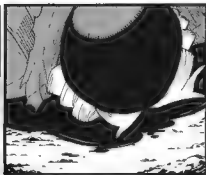
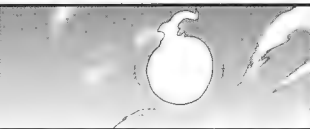
AUNT-IE!!!!

RACHAN
(CHOP)

AUNT-IE!!!!!!



AUNT-IE...







DRUG-
ADDLED
PIGS.

GIVE ALL
THE BOLD
SPEECHES
YOU LIKE—
YOU ARE HELP-
LESS WITHOUT
THE SLOP IN
YOUR TROUGH
YOU CALL
"ORDER" TO
POWER
YOU.

POOR,
FOOLISH
PIGS...
BUT I AM
FREE.



FREE?

CHANGING
YOUR
ALLEGIANCE TO
A DIFFERENT GOD
MAKES YOU THINK
YOU'VE GAINED
EVERYTHING,
BUT YOU'RE NO
MORE THAN
PARASITES.

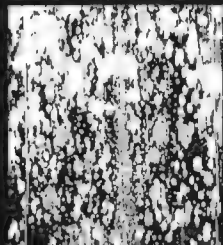
SEWER
RATS
WALLOWING
IN A FILTHY
RIVER OF
MADNESS.



JUST
WHO ARE
THE PARA-
SITES,
WHEN YOU
INVADE
AND DEFILE
KISHIN-
SAMA'S
LAND OF
PEACE AND
TRANQUIL-
LITY!!?

THE
STENCH
OF YOUR
WICKED-
NESS
CARRIES
ALL THE
WAY...

...DOWN
TO
EARTH!!



BIG
TALK.



WE ARE
DHMA, AND
WE PURGE
YOUR MAD-
NESS WITH
ORDER!!





ORDER AND
MADNESS ARE
COLLIDING
FORCES.
CONFLICT IS
INEVITABLE...
THERE IS NO
REASON
FOR IT.

INVASIONS...
RESOURCES...
ETHNIC CONFLICT...
THERE ARE MANY
REASONS THAT
WARS HAPPEN,
BUT THIS WAR
HAS NONE...

WHY AM
I ON THE
SIDE OF
ORDER?

WHY
AM I
HERE?



I JUST
WANT
TO RIP
THINGS
APART.

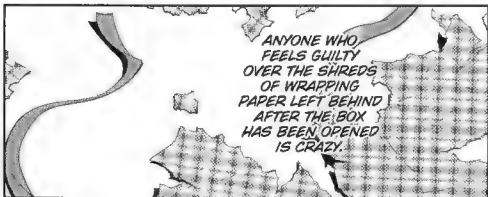
IF THIS
BATTLE HAS
NO REASON,
THEN I DON'T
NEED ONE
EITHER...

YOU GET
CURIOUS,
AND THAT'S
THAT.



WHO NEEDS
A REASON TO
BE CURIOUS
ABOUT THE
CONTENTS
OF A NEATLY-
WRAPPED
BOX?

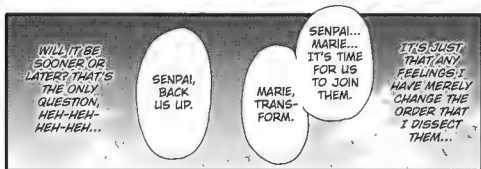
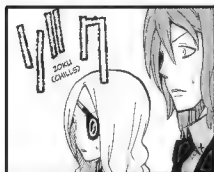
ANYONE WHO
FEELS GUILTY
OVER THE SHREDS
OF WRAPPING
PAPER LEFT BEHIND
AFTER THE BOX
HAS BEEN OPENED
IS CRAZY.



TRUE,
PRESENTS
AND LIVING
BEINGS
MIGHT BE
DIFFERENT
THINGS...







NOW,
TO THE
OPERATING
ROOM...

GOVERNMENT
CORRUPTION

DOSU
(STAR)

GLASGOW

...BUT
I'M NOT
SO EASY
AS YOU
SEEM TO
THINK.

THEY ALL
COME
LUSTING
AFTER
MY
NAKED
FORM..

RA
CNJDEJ

**PELT
OF THE
FIRE
RAT!**

CHITAO
(FWFF)

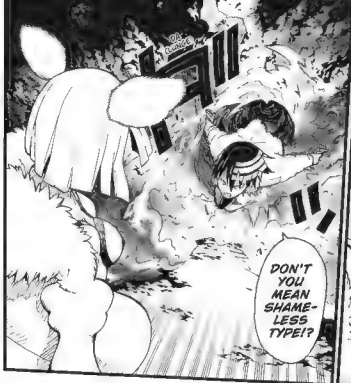
BASA
(FWFF)

**WARD-
ROBE
CHANGE!**

**FLAM-
ING
MOON
RING!!**

BOU
(FWOOD)

**AGH
!!**



DON'T
YOU
MEAN
SHAME-
LESS
TYPE?



I KNOW
YOU'VE
COME A
LONG WAY
TO SEE ME,
BUT ALAS,
I'M
THE SHY
TYPE



...BOY?

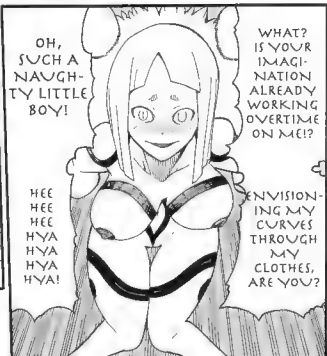
HAVE YOU
COME TO
STRIP ME
FURTHER...

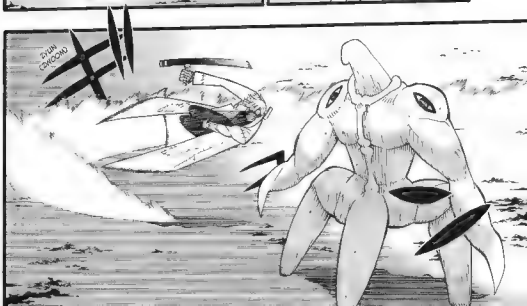


IF YOU
WANT TO
SEE MY BODY
SO BADLY,
WHY HAVE
YOU
BROUGHT
ME NO
GIFTS?

DAN
(STOMP)

BOU
(FWOOND)







STEIN!!



...BUT
IT'S
MORE
LIKE...


I THOUGHT
WE WERE
HERE TO
DEFEAT THE
KISHIN...





...HE'S
THE
KISHIN
HIM-
SELF...

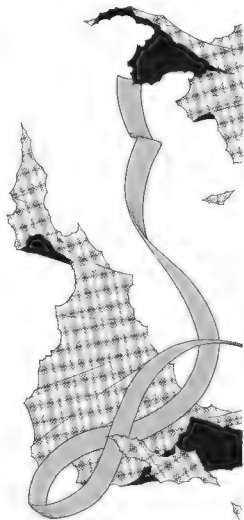
SOUL  **EATER**



**WHAT
WHAT COULD
COULD IT BE?
IT BE?**



**WHAT
COULD
I FIND
INSIDE
HERE?**







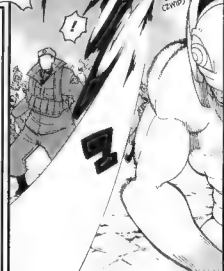
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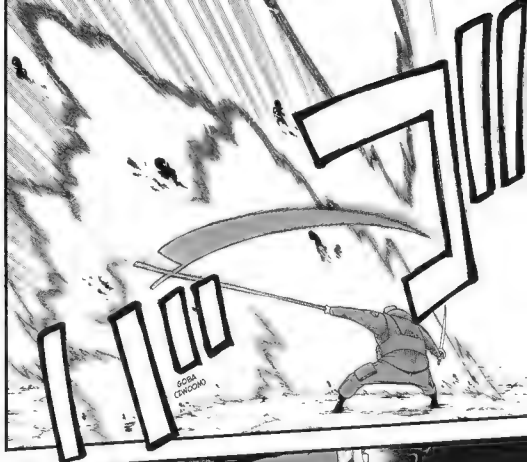
CHAPTER 94: WAR ON THE MOON (PART 4)





HE'S
RELEASED
THE CAP ON
HIS MAD-
NESS...THIS
COULD EASILY
BACKFIRE
ON US...





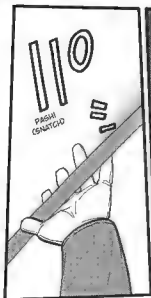
SENPAI IS
ABLE TO
SENSE AND
CONTROL HIS
MEISTER'S
WAVELENGTHS
TO DRAW OUT
THEIR BEST
QUALITIES.

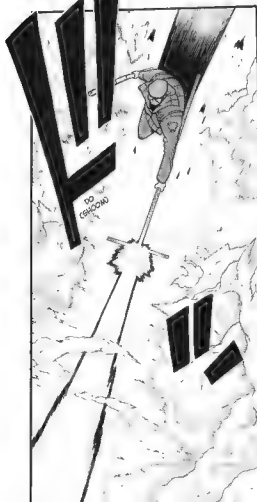


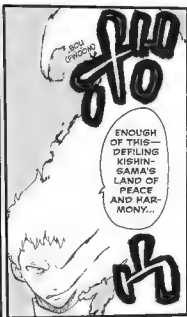


WHEW.

WELL,
AT LEAST
HE'S STILL
GOT
REASON
ENOUGH
TO EXPLAIN
THINGS
TO THE
READERS...







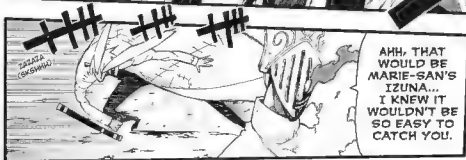
SCHMIDT!!

GOBAN
(GEMO)

OH
NO!!

TOO
SLOW!





IZUNA
PLACES
GREAT
STRESS
UPON THE
BODY
OF THE
MEISTER!
YOU WILL
NOT BE
USING
IT FOR
LONG!!

BE CAREFUL,
STEIN. JUSTIN
IS A STATION-
ARY WEAPON...
WHO KNOWS
WHAT KINDS
OF TRAPS HE
MIGHT HAVE
SET...



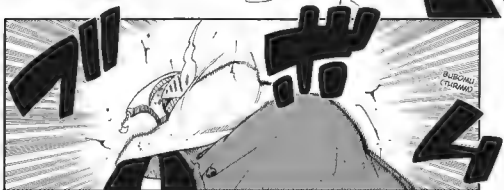
YOU
CANNOT
STOP
ME.

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK A
TRAP OF
THIS LOW
CALIBER
WILL
BUY YOU
TIME?

THE
MOMENT
YOU
RUN
OUT OF
BREATH
WILL BE
YOUR
LAST.









**YOU
ARE
DEAD.**

**YOU
MAY HAVE
CONTAINED
THE
EXPLOSION
WITHIN YOUR
BODY FOR
THE MOMENT,
BUT IT'S
ONLY A
MATTER
OF TIME,
JUSTIN.**

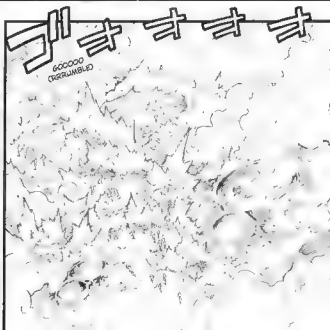


**WHICH
WILL END
FIRST?
YOUR
IZUNA
OR MY
LIFE...?**

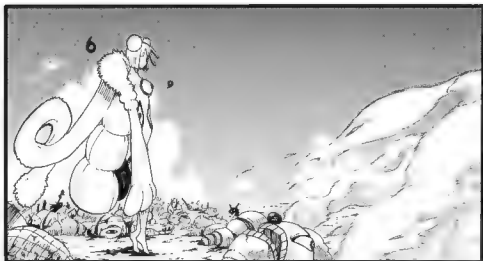
**HA-
HA-HA...
MOST
FASCI-
NATING.**



**I WILL
GIVE
EVERY
LAST
SECOND
OF THIS
BODY'S
LIFE TO
KISHIN-
SAMA'S
SER-
VICE.**





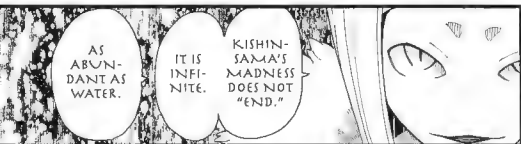


WE'VE
CLEANED UP
NEARLY ALL
OF THE
KISHIN'S
SOLDIERS.
YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE
LEFT.



DID YOU
THINK THOSE
WERE THE
ONLY FORCES
PROTECTING
BOTH KISHIN-SA-
MA AND MY
CHASTITY?





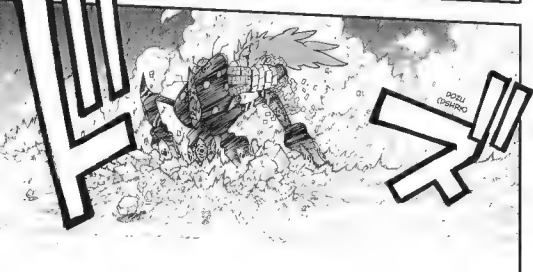
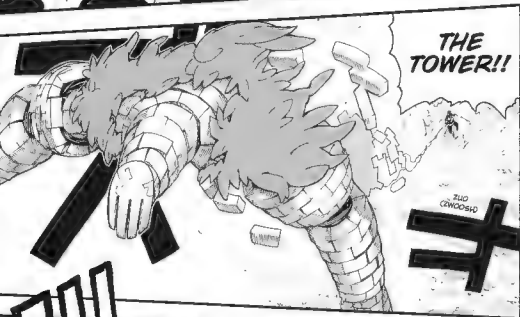








WE
SHALL
JOIN
YOU!!

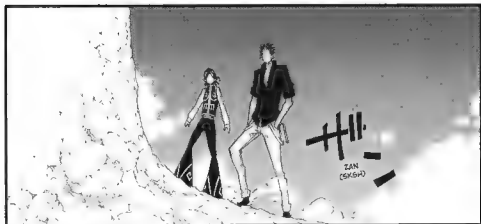





BIND IVY!







SOUL  EATER



I AM THE
TRUE
EVANGELIST
OF
MADNESS.



CHAPTER 95: WAR ON THE MOON (PART 5)

SOUL EATER



**YOU GONNA
STAND IN OUR
WAY!? WELL, YOU
BETTER BELIEVE
YOU'RE GONNA
PAY THE FUCKIN'
PRICE!!**







YES,
SIR.

NOW
AIN'T THE
TIME TO
BE DEALIN'
WITH
THOSE
DWMA
SAPS.

C'MON,
GOPHER.

!



WEAPON
FORM,
CLAY.

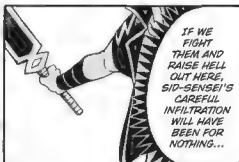
RIGHT.



BUT...
WE ALSO
CAN'T
LET THEM
PASS BY...



WAIT!!



IF WE
FIGHT
THEM AND
RAISE HELL
OUT HERE,
SID-SENSEI'S
CAREFUL
INFILTRATION
WILL HAVE
BEEN FOR
NOTHING...







SOUL
WAVES
THAT
THREATEN
TO DRIVE
A MAN
INSANE...

I CAN
FEEL THE
KISHIN'S
MAD-
NESS.

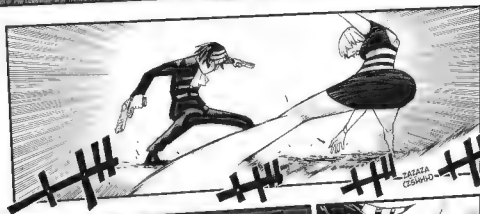
IT'S
ALMOST
BEYOND
COMPRE-
HENSION...





AND IT
NEVER,
EVER
ENDS...

CAN
THERE EVER
BE RESPITE
FROM SUCH
MADNESS!?



TATATA
CESHSHO



ARGH!
IT'S LIKE
AN UNENDING
CLOWN CAR
ROUTINE
WITH YOU
PEOPLE!!

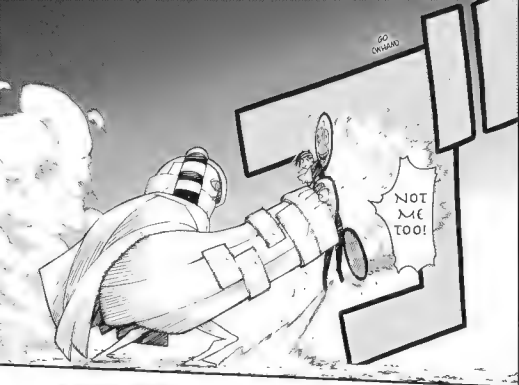
FU
CESHSHO



LOSING
ONE OF
THEM IS
HARDLY
AN ISSUE.

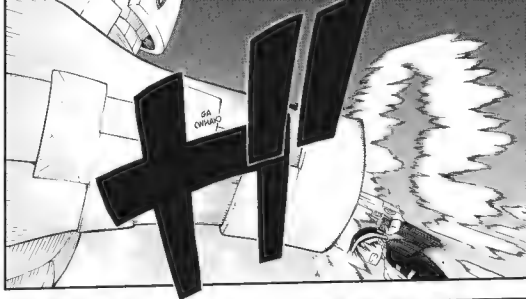




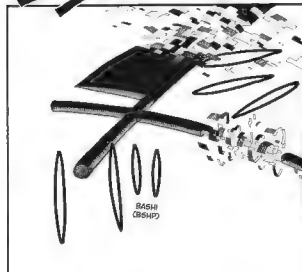
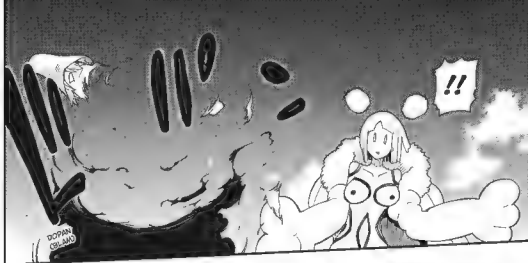














RAINBOW!!





NOW,
ZUBAI-
DAH!!

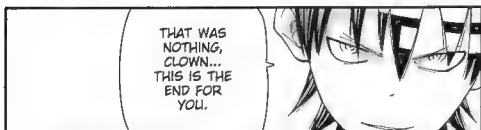


THE
LOVERS!!

KOODO
ONWOOO!!

PO
(BLUSH)

RARU
LOVE-OO!!



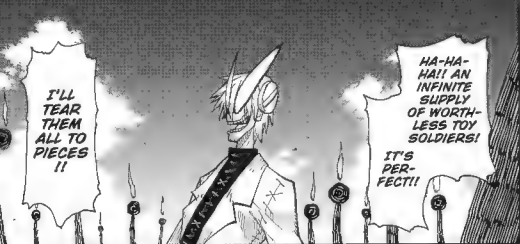
THAT WAS
NOTHING,
CLOWN...
THIS IS THE
END FOR
YOU.



HEE-
HEE-HYA-
HYA-
HYA-
HYA!







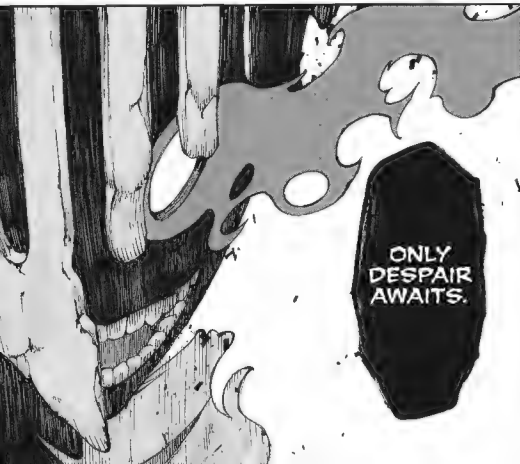
I'LL
TEAR
THEM
ALL TO
PIECES
!!

HA-HA-
HA!! AN
INFINITE
SUPPLY
OF WORTH-
LESS TOY
SOLDIERS!

IT'S
PER-
FECT!!

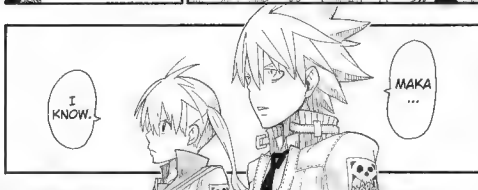
YOUR
BRAVERY
IS
SAPPED,
BIT BY
BIT.

YOU
STRUGGLE
AND
STRUGGLE,
BUT STILL
THE MAD-
NESS DE-
SCENDS.



ONLY
DESPAIR
AWAITS.

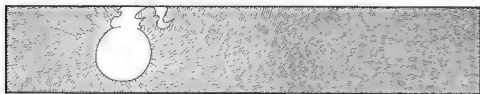
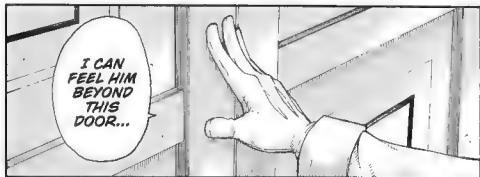






**SANTA
MARIO
NOVELLA
BASILICA**





CRONA.....



.....!!







WHO...
ARE
YOU...?

SOUL  **EATER**



CHAPTER 96: WAR ON THE MOON (PART 6)



EVEN
NOW THE
MEMORY
TERRIFIES
ME...

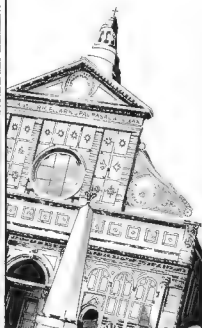
I REMEM-
BER THIS
PLACE...

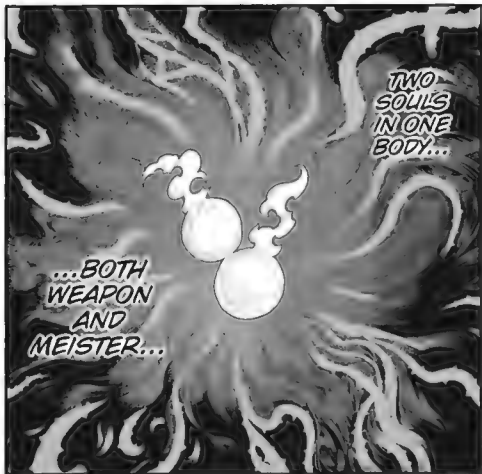
SANTA
MARIO
NOVELLA
BASILICA...



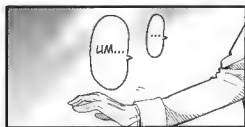
I WAS
SHOCKED
WHEN I
FIRST
SAW HIS
SOUL FOR
MYSELF

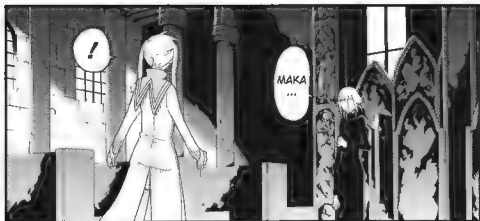
THE TIME
I FIRST
MET
CRONA...





SOUL EATER





I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
ALL OVER
FOR YOU,
CRONA!

OH,
GOOD
...



WE
WON'T
FORCE
YOU TO
DO ANY-
THING
BAD.

DON'T
WORRY,
I'LL
VOUCH
FOR YOU!!



EVERY-
ONE'S
WAITING
FOR
YOU.

COME
BACK TO
DWMA!!



I CAN'T
DO IT
ANY-
MORE...



HUH
...?

I WAS
WAITING
HERE
BECAUSE
I KNEW
I MIGHT
MEET A
PERSON
NAMED
MAKA...

...I'M
HERE
BE-
CAUSE
OF YOU...

BUT...



I DON'T
KNOW...
WHAT
IT IS...
WHY AM
I HERE?

WHO
AM I...?
WHAT ARE
YOU TO
ME...?

I DON'T
REMEM-
BER
ANY-
THING...



THAT'S
RIGHT.

AND
HERE
I AM,
SEE?



MY
FINAL
ACT...

THIS
IS THE
LAST BIT
OF ORDER
I CAN
UPHOLD...



WAIT,
YOU CAN'T
SAY
THAT...



I WAS
WAITING
HERE TO
TELL MAKI
THAT—



YOU DON'T
GET
IT...



YOU CAN
DO IT...
WE'LL ALL
ACCEPT
YOU FOR
WHO YOU
ARE.

REMEMBER
SOUL AND
BLACK★STAR
AND KID AND
TSUBAKI-CHAN
AND LIZ AND
PATTY? YOU
WERE FRIENDS
WITH ALL
OF US...

AND
MARIE-
SENSEI...



M...ME-
DUSA?

I KILLED
MY
MOTHER
...



...WITH
MY OWN
HANDS...

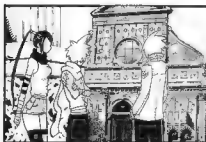
THAT'S
RIGHT...SOMEONE
PRECIOUS AND
IRREPLACEABLE...
THE ONLY PERSON
I AM LINKED TO IN
THIS WORLD...



IN FACT,
I FELT AS
THOUGH
I HAD BEEN
LIBERATED...

I DIDN'T
THINK A
THING
OF IT.









FOR ALL
ANIMALS,
EVEN
INSECTS.

ORDER IS
ABSOLUTE.
ORDER IS
EVERYTHING
IN THIS
WORLD.



I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO DEAL
WITH ANYTHING
IN THIS WORLD.

BUT I CANNOT
UPHOLD ORDER.
I AM ALLERGIC
TO ORDER.



WE CAN
START
OVER,
CRONA!!

YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO!!



WITH
THAT
MADNESS,
I WILL
TWIST AND
TEAR THE
WORLD...

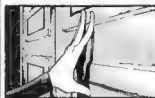
...UNTIL
ALL ITS
GEARS
ARE
BROKEN
AND MIS-
ALIGNED.

I WILL
GO TO
THE
MOON...

...AND
OBTAIN
THE
POWER
OF THE
KISHIN.

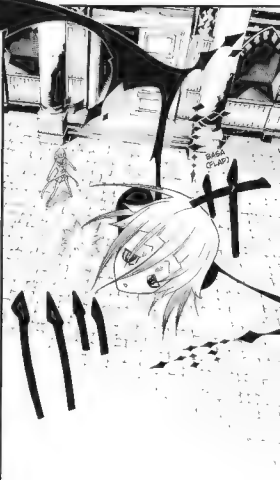


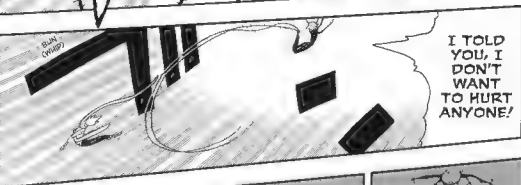
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DOOR...

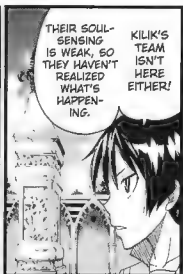














**WE'RE
HEADING
TO THE
MOON AS
SOON
AS OUR
PREPA-
RATIONS
ARE COM-
LETE!!**



**I WILL...
OBTAIN
THE POWER
OF THE
KISHIN...**

**WITH THAT
MADNESS,
I WILL TWIST
AND TEAR THE
WORLD UNTIL
ALL ITS
GEARS ARE
BROKEN AND
MISALIGNED.**



**I WANTED
TO GO
THERE
FROM THE
START.**

**LET'S
GO SEE
KID!**



**I JUST
WANT TO
SOCK HIM
A GOOD
ONE,
THAT'S
ALL!**

**FORGET
THIS
BUSINESS
ABOUT
PUNISH-
MENT AND
ORDER
AND ALL
OF THAT!**

**STUPID,
STUPID
CRONA!!**

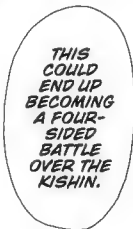
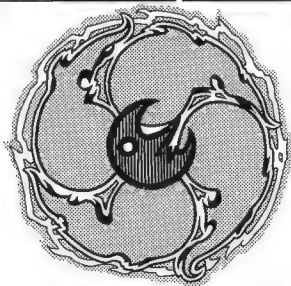
I'VE GOT
WORD FROM
YUMI AZUSA,
ONE OF THE
DEATH
WEAPONS ON
THE MOON.

KID'S
CONNECTED
TWO OF HIS
LINES OF
SANZU, BUT HE
HASN'T FULLY
AWAKENED
HIS POWERS
YET...

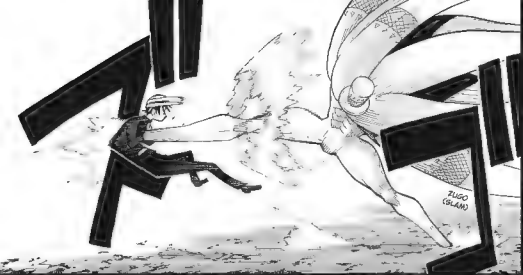
THEY'RE
ENGAGED IN
BATTLE WITH THE
KISHIN'S CLOWN
ARMY NOW...AND
THE ENDLESS
REGIMENTS OF
ENEMY SOLDIERS
ARE WEARING
THEM DOWN.

SO
THEY'RE
HAVING
DIFFICULTY
WITHOUT
"BREW"...

HMM
...









WHAT IS
THIS...?
THE
MORE
WE BEAT,
THE
MORE
SHOW
UP..



1000
CINCO

WITNESS
THE
MAD-
NESS OF
KISHIN-
SAMA!



AND
YOU! WHY
DON'T
YOU GIVE
IT UP AS
WELL!?

DO
(SHOON)

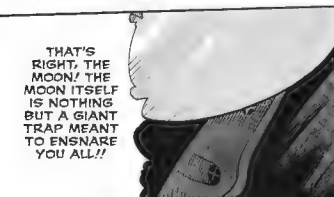


HA-HA-
HA-HA-HA!
WHATEVER
DO YOU
MEAN!?!
YOU'RE
ALREADY
TRAPPED!!

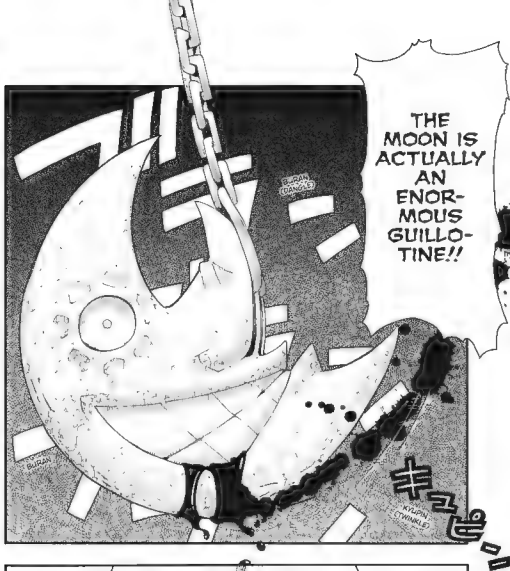


WHY
SHOULD
WE!?

YOUR
TRAPS MIGHT
AS WELL BE
MOUSETRAPS
FOR ALL
THE GOOD
THEY'LL DO
YOU CATCH-
ING STEIN!



THAT'S
RIGHT, THE
MOON! THE
MOON ITSELF
IS NOTHING
BUT A GIANT
TRAP MEANT
TO ENSNARE
YOU ALL!!



YOU
HAVE NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
WAIT
IN FEAR
AS THE
GUILLOTINE
BLADE
SLOWLY
DESCENDS
OVER YOUR
HEADS!

ブラン
BURAN

ブラン
BURAN

ONE STEP
INSIDE, AND
YOU'LL FIND
IT QUITE
IMPOSSIBLE
TO ESCAPE!
THE NOOSE
IS ALREADY
TIGHT
AROUND
YOUR
NECKS!



AND
THE
GUILLO-
TINE IS
ALWAYS
FALLING!
THE
GUILLO...
GUILLO...
GUI...

BRBT!

THE
GUILLO-
TINE IS
TRAINED
DIRECTLY
OVER
YOUR
NECKS!!

MADNESS
WILL
ALWAYS
AND
FOREVER-
MORE
RAIN
FROM THE
MOON!!



TIME TO
FINISH
THIS.

I CAN'T
SPEND
ALL MY
TIME ON
THE LIKES
OF YOU.

BABA
(PLAY)



GA
(WHAK)



YOU
HAVE
ALREADY
LOST!

KILLING
ME
WON'T
AFFECT
THE
BATTLE!!

DO
WHAT
YOU WILL
AND SAY
WHAT YOU
WILL, AND
IF ANY
DO NOT
SHARE
YOUR
VIEW, KILL
THEM!!

WHY
MUST ONE
CONFORM
TO A
HERD?
WHO SAYS
WE MUST
ORGANIZE
IN ANY
CONFIGU-
RATION?

TO JOIN
THE HERD,
UPHOLDING
ORDER BY
NEVER
STEPPING
A FOOT OUT
OF LINE,
ELIMINATING
ALL MEN AND
IDEAS THAT
DO NOT
CONFORM!

IT IS A
GREAT
MYSTERY
TO ME,
STEIN-
SAN, WHY
YOU SIDE
WITH
DWMA!

ISN'T THAT
THE WAY OF
NATURE!?
WHY IS
SHINIGAMI'S
ORDER SO
PRECIOUS
TO YOU!?

SHINIGAMI-
SAMA'S ORDER
DOESN'T
DEMAND ANY
SUCH THING!

**SOUL
RESO-
NANCE!!**

NOT AS
LONG AS
I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DIRECT
IT AGAINST!

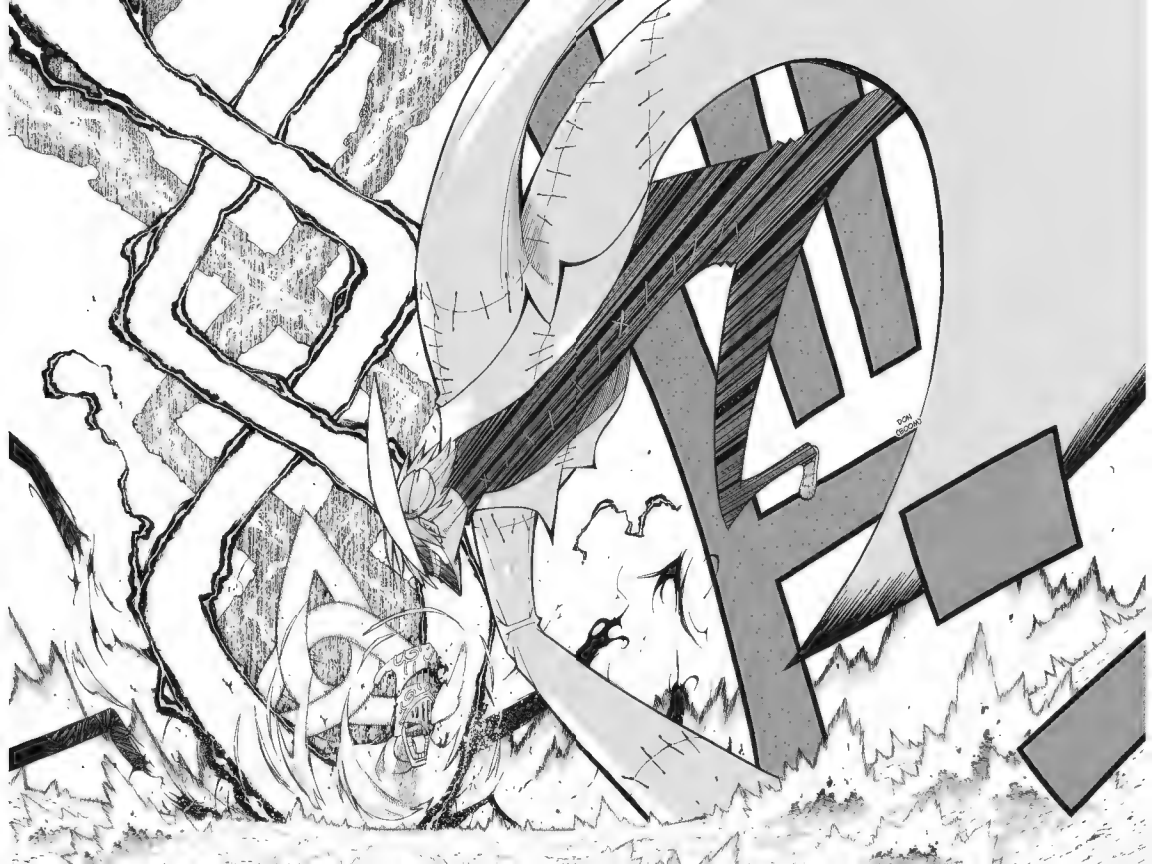
BUT STEIN, THE
MADNESS WITHIN
YOU IS FORBIDDEN
UNDER SHINIGAMI'S
ORDER!!

WHAT
WILL YOU
DO WITH
THE MAD-
NESS
WITHIN
YOU, SO
ABHOR-
RENT TO
ORDER!?

AND WHAT
WILL YOU
DO AFTER
SHINIGAMI
HAS
ELIMINATED
ALL OF HIS
SO-CALLED
HERETICS
!?

THIS
IS
FOR
B.J.!!







HAVE
NO
FEAR...
YOUR
TIME
WILL
COME.

ORDER
WILL
CRUM-
BLE TO
DUST.

SOUL  EATER



ORDER
WILL
CRUMBLE
TO DUST.



JUSTIN...



...BECAUSE
YOU COULD
NEVER
IMAGINE
WHAT LAY
BEYOND AND
BENEATH THE
STRUCTURE
OF ORDER.
BESIDES...

YOU NEVER
UNDERSTOOD
A THING, RIGHT
UP TO THE
VERY END...
YOU WERE SO
SOLITARY THAT
THE ORDER
CRUSHED YOU
AND DROVE
YOU INTO
MADNESS...



...EVEN
IF ORDER
FALLS, WHAT
REMAINS
IS NOT THE
WORLD YOU
SEEK.

SOUL EATER

CHAPTER 97: WAR ON THE MOON (PART 7)



SHINIGAMI-SAMA HAS
ISSUED
AN ORDER
FOR YOUR
RETURN.

YOU
MUST
REPORT
TO THE
DEMON
AIRSHIP
AT
ONCE.

KODO
OWSHIRO



WHAT
IS IT?

I CAN'T
FOLLOW
THAT
ORDER, NO
MATTER
WHAT HIS
REASON!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT!?
LEAVE
RIGHT IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
BATTLE!?

GOSU
CHIHANO



NOW? IT
MUST HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
THE NEGOTIATIONS...



FATHER
HAS
ORDERED
ME TO
RETURN.



SHINI-
GAMI-
SAMA
AWAITS.
PLEASE
HURRY.



CAN'T
LEAVE
SO MANY
WOUNDED
SOLDIERS
UP HERE
EITHER...



YOU
CAN'T
POS-
SIBLY
AGREE
WITH
THIS!

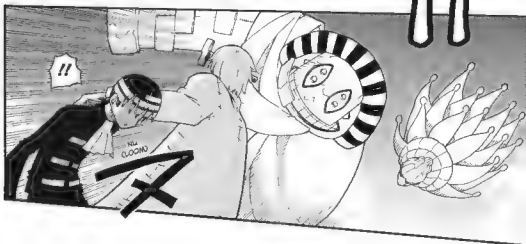


DO AS
HE SAYS!
TAKE THESE
WOUNDED
SOLDIERS
BACK WITH
YOU!

DEATH'S WEAPONS
AND I WILL HOLD THE
FRONT WHILE YOU GO!
JUST MAKE SURE TO
COME BACK QUICK AS
YOU CAN WHEN YOU'VE
CARRIED OUT SHINIGAMI-
SAMA'S ORDERS! TRUST
IN THE STRENGTH OF
HIS WEAPONS!



IT'S NOT THAT
I DON'T HAVE
FAITH IN YOU! BUT
THIS IS A WAR FOR
THE SAKE OF ORDER...
AS A SHINIGAMI I
CANNOT RETREAT!!





BUT...

ACCEPT
THE
ROLE
THAT
ONLY
YOU
CAN
FUL-
FILL!

YOU
CAN DO
THINGS
WE
NORMAL
HUMANS
CANNOT.

YOU ARE
SPECIAL,
KID.









I'M
GLAD
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT,
KID.



WHAT
IS IT,
FATHER?



うん...
SHUN
GALLOD



ENOUGH
WITH THE
PLEASANT-
RIES. WHAT
IS IT?



OUTSIDE
PARTY...?



BEFORE DWMA
UNDERTOOK
THIS WAR ON
THE MOON,
WE SECRETLY
BEGAN
NEGOTIATIONS
WITH AN
OUTSIDE
PARTY.

FIRST, I
WANT YOU
TO REMAIN
CALM AND
HEAR ME
OUT.



**THE
WITCH-
ES.**



WHAT
WOULD
WE DO
WITH
THEM...?

BUT
THEY'RE
OUR
ETERNAL
ENEMIES...

YOU
TALKED
WITH THE
WITCHES?



SO THE
NEGOTIA-
TIONS ARE
MEANT TO
PREVENT
THAT...

WE DON'T
WANT TROUBLE
TO ARISE ON
EARTH WHILE
OUR DEFENSES
ARE THIN...

...AND
THE MOST
LIKELY
THREAT
WOULD BE
FROM THE
WITCHES.

DWMA
HAS THROWN
EVERY DEATH
WEAPON INTO
THE BATTLE WITH
THE KISHIN...
MOST OF OUR
STRENGTH IS
INVESTED IN THE
MOON AT THIS
MOMENT.



THEN
WHY
ME?

HAVE THE
NEGOTIA-
TIONS
BROKEN
DOWN?



THE KISHIN'S
REVIVAL AND
OUR CURRENT
PREDICAMENT
WERE CAUSED
BY THAT EVIL
MEDUSA, BUT SHE
DID NOT REPRESENT
THE INTEN-
TIONS OF ALL
WITCHES...

YEP...

SO IT
WASN'T TOO
DIFFICULT TO
ARRANGE A
TRUCE WHILE
THE WAR ON
THE MOON
RAGES ON.

AFTER ALL,
THE KISHIN'S
MADNESS IS
A THREAT TO
THEM JUST AS
IT IS TO US.



AND
YOU'RE
SAYING
THAT
CAN BE
DONE
BY...

?



**EXACTLY.
THE
WITCHES.**



BUT
DEPENDING
ON OUR
NEXT
ROUND OF
NEGOTIATION,
WE MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
STOP THE
INFINITE
PROPAGATION
OF THE
CLOWNS.

THE
MADNESS
FORMS
AN END-
LESS
CHAIN.

AZUSA
HAS BEEN
KEEPING ME
INFORMED
OF THE
BATTLE'S
PROGRESS.



SOUL
PRO-
TECT!!

THE
REASON
THAT SO
MANY
WITCHES
HAVE BEEN
ALLOWED TO
TRESPASS
IN OUR
HALLS...

THE
MAGIC THAT
DWMA HAS
STRUGGLED
WITH
MOST...



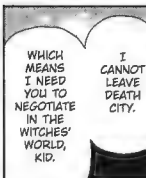
AND YOU
NEED THE
WITCHES
TO HELP
WITH
THAT...

BY APPLYING
THE SPELL
PROPERLY, WE
COULD CUT
THE CYCLE OF
MADNESS AND
BRING AN END
TO THEIR
REGENERATION.



SOUL
PROTECT IS A
SPELL THAT
SHUTS IN ANY
SIGNALS, EVEN
THE WITCHES'
WICKED WAVE-
LENGTHS.

YOU SEE,
THE CLOWNS'
REPRODUCTION
IS FACILITATED
BY THE
KISHIN'S
MADNESS
WAVES.



THE WITCHES HAD ONE ABSOLUTE CONDITION FOR NEGOTIATION: A SHINIGAMI MUST CONTACT THEIR WORLD DIRECTLY.



BUT WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE IN THE MATTER...

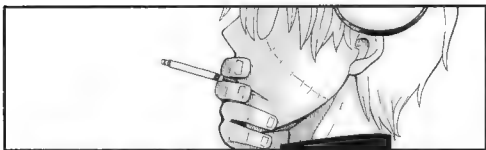
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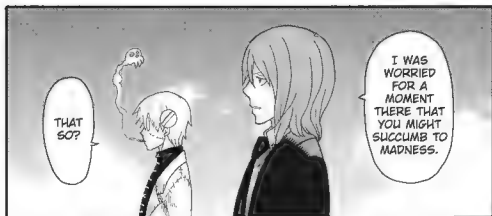
THE WITCHES ARE AWARE OF THAT.



REMAINING ON THE MOON WILL NOT UNDO THE ENDLESS CYCLE OF THE CLOWNS.

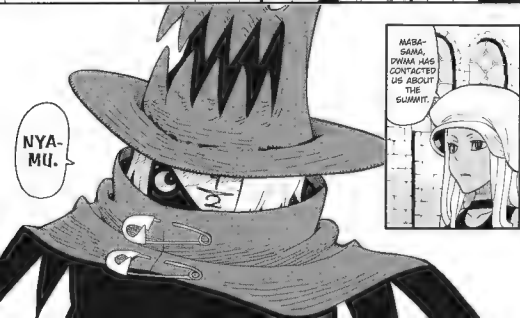
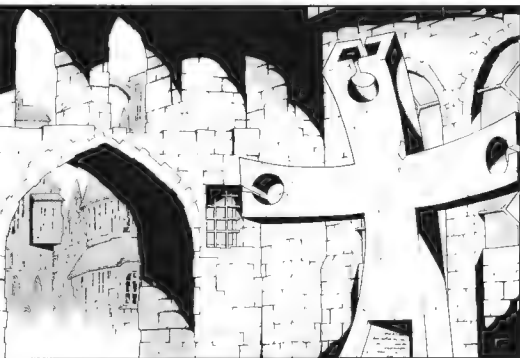








REALM
OF
WITCHES



NYA-
MU.



MABA-
SAMA,
DWANA HAS
CONTACTED
US ABOUT
THE
SUMMIT.



RIB-BIT.

DWMA
PRISON
CELLS

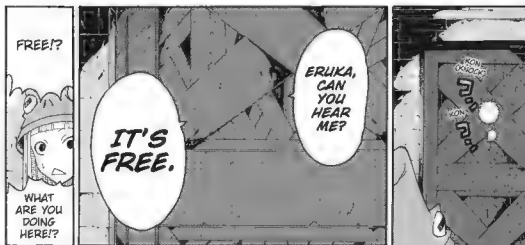


IN THEORY,
THAT'S
CORRECT...

...BUT IT'S
NOT THE KIND
OF MAGIC
THAT ONE OR
TWO WITCHES
CAN DO BY
THEMSELVES.

THAT'S
WHAT I
TOLD
THOSE
DWMA
PEOPLE
WHEN
THEY CAME
TO ASK.

CASTING
SOUL PROTECT
ON THE CLOWNS
WILL CUT OFF
THEIR ABILITY
TO REGENERATE
INDEFINITELY
FROM THE
KISHIN'S
MADNESS.

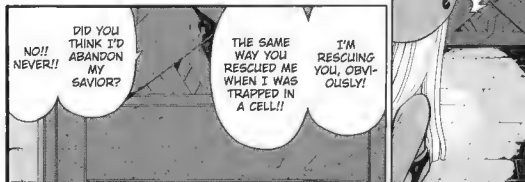


FREE!?

**IT'S
FREE.**

ERUKA,
CAN
YOU
HEAR
ME?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE!?

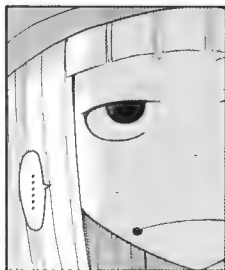
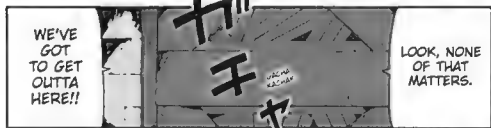
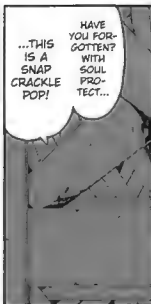


NO!!
NEVER!!

DID YOU
THINK I'D
ABANDON
MY
SAVIOR?

THE SAME
WAY YOU
RESCUED ME
WHEN I WAS
TRAPPED IN
A CELL!!

I'M
RESCUING
YOU, OBVI-
OUSLY!





ITALY

ALL
RIGHT.

AND
FOR SOME
REASON, I'M
SUPPOSED
TO GO BACK
TO DWMA...

THERE'S
NO WAY
FOR US
TO GET TO
THE MOON,
AFTER
ALL...

WELL,
WE'RE
GOING TO
LEAVE.

HANG
ON A
SEC!!

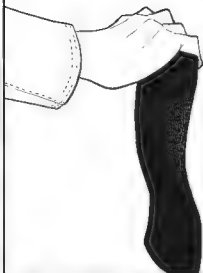
ALL
RIGHT!
I'LL BE
WAITING.

ONCE
WE'RE AT
DWMA,
WE'LL GET
A RIDE AND
BE RIGHT
THERE.

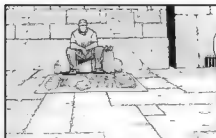
TA
(CLAMP)
SORRY,
SORRY.



WHAT
IS IT...?



THESE
ARE
FOR
EVERY-
ONE.



I BOUGHT
THEM FROM
A ROADSIDE
STAND WHILE
MAKA-CHAN
WAS REPORTING
TO SHINIGAMI-
SAMA.



WE'RE ALL
SPLITTING UP,
AREN'T WE?
BUT IF WE'RE
ALL WEARING
SOMETHING
THAT'S THE
SAME...



I WAS JUST
THINKING
THE HAIR
GETTING
IN MY EYES
WAS ANNOY-
ING, AND I
WANTED A
HEADBAND.
SO...



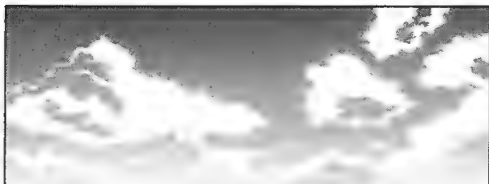
?

RIGHT?
HEH
HEH...



...AT
LEAST
OUR
SOULS
WILL BE
ONE!!











Translation Notes

Common Honorifics

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

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Pelt of the Fire Rat comes from the well-known Japanese folktale known as "The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter" or "Princess Kaguya." The sought-after Princess Kaguya tells her five princely suitors that they must each bring her a rare treasure. One of these treasures was the pelt (or robe) of the fire rat.

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Justin's "**Schmidt**" attack may be a reference to Franz Schmidt, a German executioner who held the position officially in Bamberg and Nuremberg from 1573 to 1617. During his career, Schmidt kept a journal detailing the 361 executions and 365 lesser punishments carried out over the course of his 45-year career.

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The term for "**square shoulders**" in Japanese includes the character for "rage" or "wrath," which seems to be this Noah's defining characteristic.

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The well-known Japanese phrase "**like dogs and monkeys**" refers to two people or sides being constantly at odds with one another. The Western equivalent might be "like cats and dogs."

SOUL EATER



JUST TAKE
ME TO THE
PLACE OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS.

WELL,
NO USE
STANDING
HERE
WONDER-
ING.

WHO IS
MABA...?

**KID TRAVELS TO THE REALM OF WITCHES
TO REQUEST EXTRA FORCES.**

**CAN HIS PLEA MEND THE GREAT RIFT
BETWEEN DWMA AND WITCHKIND?**



IT
APPEARS
THAT
WON'T BE
NECESSARY.



**WE
CANNOT
DO THIS
ON OUR
OWN!
PLEASE
LEND US
YOUR
HELP!!**

CAN HE MOVE THE WITCHES' HEARTS!?

**NYAMU
!!!**

Continued in Soul Eater Volume 23!!

SO
DARK,
MAN...

IT'S
DARK...

A GATHERING
SPOT
FOR SPACE
DUST...

THIS IS
ATSUSHI-
YA...

ALMOST
AS DARK
AS THE
VOLUME
COVERS
THESE DAYS,
AMIRIGHT?

NOTHIN'
WE CAN
DO, MAN.

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?

YEAH,
MAN.

THIS
ALMOST
AIN'T EVEN
WORTH
SHOWIN'
UP FOR.

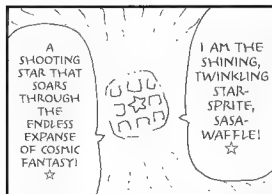
FORGET
IT. THIS IS
DUMB.

SOME-
THING'S
GLOWING.

WHAT!?

AH!!

WHAT
IS THAT
THING?



SEE YOU NEXT TIME...

THOSE WHO RELAX IN THE DARK...

BUT FILLING IN ALL THAT BLACK SPACE CAN BE TIRING. AND BORING.

DARK IS FINE TOO. NO NEED TO DRAW ANY LINES.

NOT!

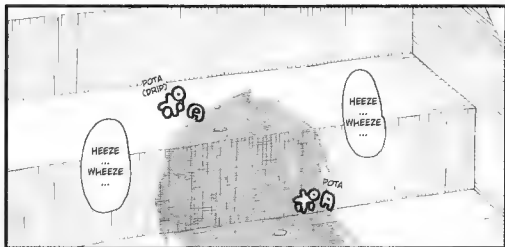


ANOTHER SOUL EATER?

IT'S A SAVAGE BUT
SUPER-FUN LIFE!

IT'S SOUL EATER NOT!

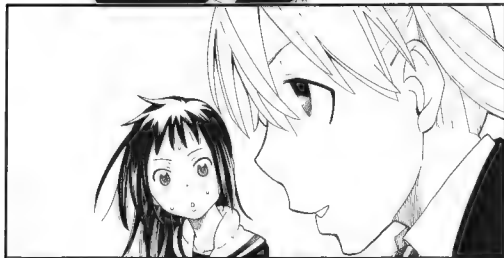
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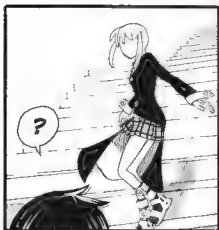




I THOUGHT ...







AMAZING!
SHE'S
HOPPING UP
THE STEPS
WITHOUT
LOSING HER
BREATH...



HANG IN
THERE!!

FIGHT!

YOU'RE
ALMOST
TO THE
END!

SEE
YAI!

WH...
THANK
YOU.



WOW...

SHE
WAS SO
COOL!

NO
SURPRISE!
THIS IS THE
SCHOOL
THAT
PRODUCES
ALL THE
HEROES
OF THE
WORLD!!

I GUESS
SHE MUST BE
A STUDENT
HERE...

走れ!!
YOU
GUY

I'M
ALMOST
THERE.

HERE
WE
GO!!

HMPH! HMPH!

HEH
HEH
HEH!



HEY, KNEES!
ARE YOU AT
THAT AGE
WHEN JUST
DROPPING YOUR
CHOPSTICKS IS
HILARIOUS?

MY
KNEES...
ARE
LAUGH-
ING...

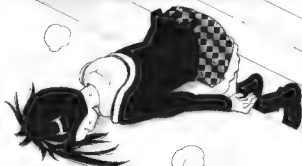
BWA-HA!
HA-HA-
HA-HA!

PURU
DE

PURU
(SHIVER)

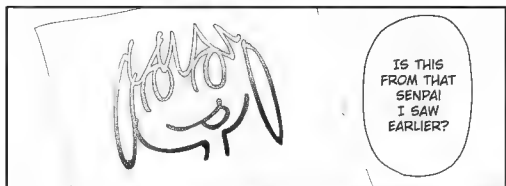


I MADE
IT.



AND BY
THE TIME I
WAS EXPE-
RIENCING
THE "STAIR-
CLIMBER'S
HIGH"...

PERA
(FLIP)
NOY





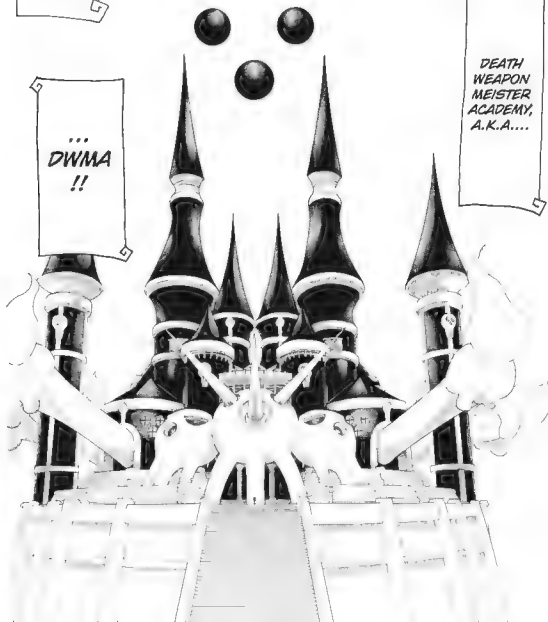
AND
THIS...

...IS THE
SCHOOL
I'M
ABOUT
TO
ATTEND...

MOM, DAD, BIG
BROTHER—
CAN YOU SEE
THIS? IT'S
DEATH CITY.

...
DWMA
!!

DEATH
WEAPON
MEISTER
ACADEMY,
A.K.A....



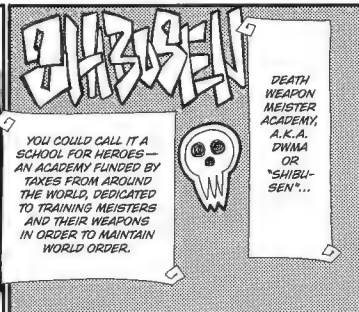
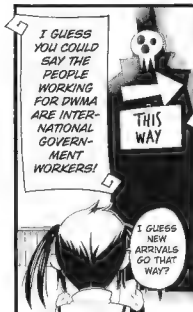


SFX: NKU (GULP) NKU



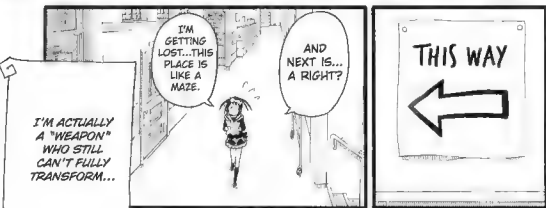
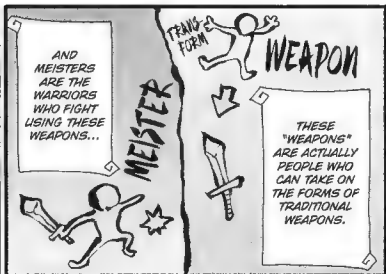


SFX: GOSO (RUSTLE) GOSO

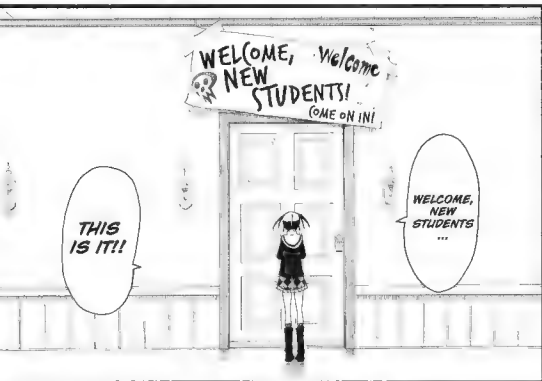




TAKE
THE NEXT
LEFT...

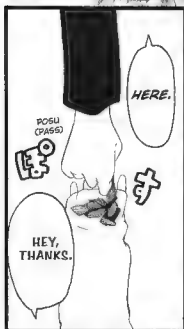


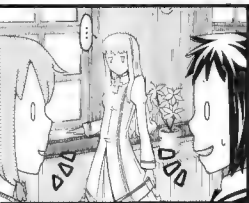














BWA
HA
HA

**THERE!
COMMON
PEOPLE!!**



AND THAT
SWEET SMILE
ACTUALLY WORKS
AGAINST HER
BY MAKING HER
SEEM EVEN MORE
ORDINARY...

AH
HA
HA
HA



SHE...SHE'S SO—
HOW SHOULD I SAY
THIS...? NORMAL?
SHE HAS NO AURA OF
PERSONALITY ABOUT
HER...THOSE TWIN
PIGTAILS LOOK LIKE
SHE MUST HAVE DONE
THEM TO MIMIC
SOMEONE ELSE...

YES,
THAT'S
IT...
THAT'S
WHAT
I'VE
BEEN
SEEKING
...

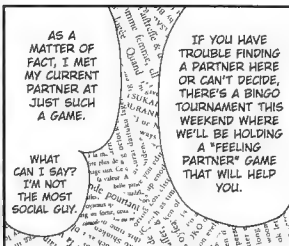
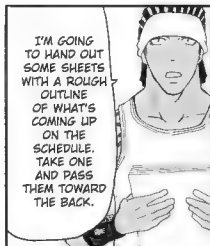


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THE ONLY
CHANCE SHE'D
HAVE OF
STANDING OUT
WOULD BE TO
PASS HERSELF
OFF AS THE "GOD
OF COMMON
PEOPLE" AND
HOPE SOMEONE
WORSHIPPED
HER.

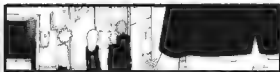






WELL,
I'M A
WEAPON,
SO ALL I
NEED IS A
GOOD
MEISTER...

HEY,
WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
DO ABOUT
YOUR
PARTNER?



ACK...

ANYONE
WHO WAS
EXHAUSTED
BY THE
TRIP TO
SCHOOL...

...NEEDS TO
PUT IN THE
EFFORT TO
CUT DOWN
THEIR TIME IN
THE FUTURE.



PLUS,
IT'S JUST
EASIER TO
GET THEM
TO DO
WHAT YOU
WANT.

THAT, AND
IF YOU WIND
UP WITH A
DUDE, YOU
HAVE TO GO
TO THE CRAPPY
BOYS' DORM.
YOU WANT
A GIRL.



UGH, WHAT
A PIG! I
HAVE TO BE
CAREFUL NOT
TO GET STUCK
WITH A JERK
LIKE HIM.



WHAT'S
UP?

CHECK
IT OUT.

HEY...



JUST
BECAUSE
I'M AT
DWMA NOW
DOESN'T
MEAN I'M
AN INSTANT
HERO...

I CAN'T DO
ANYTHING.
I'VE BEEN
A NORMAL
GIRL ALL MY
LIFE...

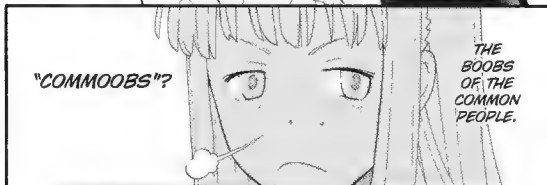
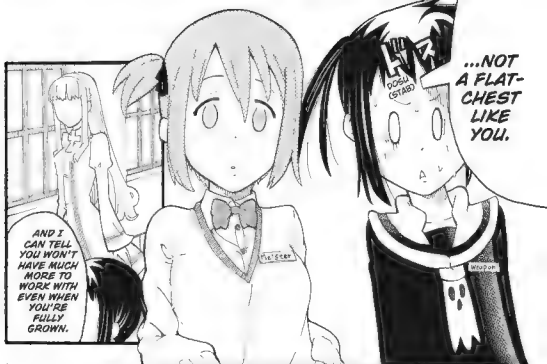
I'M SORRY,
MEME-SAN...



I CAN'T BE
A HERO...







**VULGAR
SLOBS.**

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FUN
CHUMP!

WHAT!?

I BELIEVE
THAT WAS
THE POINT.
SHALL
WE?

STRENGTH
REIGNS
SUPREME
AT DWMA!
YOU REALLY
WANT TO
GO THERE?

WHOA, YOU
PICKING A
FIGHT WITH
ME?

Meister

WHA-
AAAT
!?

HARUDORI-
SAN, WAS IT?
YOU'RE A
WEAPON,
AREN'T YOU?
SO TRANS-
FORM.

...I
CAN'T
TRANS-
FORM
YET.

B-
BUT...I...



WAIT.
LET'S
HANG
BACK
AND
WATCH.



HEY.



WHAT'S
THIS? A FIGHT
BREAKING OUT?
WELL, THAT'S
JUST THE KIND
OF SCHOOL
THIS IS.

!!



TRANS-
FORM.



SHU
BA
(ZWOOM)



THAT'S
JUST THE
KIND OF
SCHOOL
THIS IS.

NAH.



YOU AREN'T
GOING TO
STOP THEM,
SID-SENSEI?



YOU'D
BETTER DO
IT SOON,
BEFORE
THEY
ATTACK
US.

AND
SO
WILL
YOU.



HE TRANS-
FORMED
INTO A
WEAPON!



BUT...
I CAN'T.
I JUST
CAN'T
DO IT
ON THE
SPOT...



WANT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
GRAB A COPY OF SOUL EATER NOT! VOLUME 1!

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